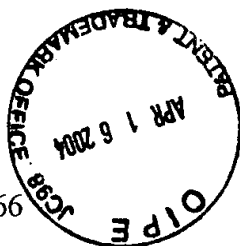


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 : Examiner: S. Brase
 Takeshi Yasumoto, et al.)
 : Group Art Unit: 2852
 Application No.: 09/978,213)
 :
 Filed: October 17, 2001)
 :
 For: Driving Force Transmission Mechanism,)
 Image Forming Apparatus Equipped :
 With Such A Mechanism, and Process)
 Unit of Such An Apparatus : April 16, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and a Petition for Extension of Time in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	MINUS	52	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	6	= 0	x \$43 \$86	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145*/\$290						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT—						\$0.00

☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

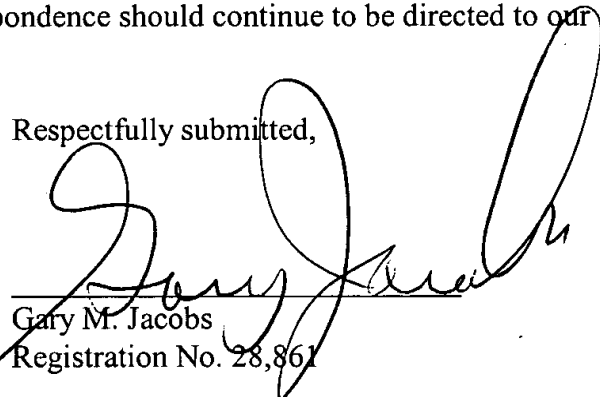
☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the fee for a three-month extension is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2003, for three months, from January 16, 2004, to April 16, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Amendment

In response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2003, Applicants amend the application as follows.